

0331 Machine Gunner







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 The machine gunner is responsible for the tactical employment of his machinegun. He provides direct fire in support of the rifle squad, platoon, company, and battalion





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- A machinegun section is composed of three squads
- Each squad has two machinegun teams
- A team consists of three Marines: gunner, A-gunner, and ammoman

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- An 0331 is trained to employ three machine guns:
- M240G medium machinegun
- M2 .50 caliber heavy machinegun
- MK-19 40mm heavy machinegun

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M240G Machinegun

- Belt-fed, gas operated, air-cooled crew served weapon, fired from the bipod or tripod position
- 7.62 mm
- Max effective range is 1,800m



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M2 .50 Cal Machinegun

- Link-belt-fed, recoil-operated, air-cooled, crew served weapon, capable of single shot or fully automatic, right-hand or left-hand feed
- Vehicle or tripod mounted
- Max effective range 1,830m





MK-19 40mm Machinegun

- Belt-fed, blowback-operated, air-cooled, crew served weapon that fires from the open bolt, can be either vehicle or tripod mounted
- Max effective range 2,212m(area target)
- Cyclic rate of fire is 325-375 rpm

